...'TIL WE GET PAST THE ABANDONED TOWN. AFTER THAT-

THE SUPPORT TEAM WILL BACK US UP...

Episode 22: Long-Distance Enemy Scouting Formation

...WE'LL ORGANIZE INTO A GIANT FORMATION TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THE TITANS.

THAT'S PRETTY FAR.

STANDING BY IN THE CENTER, FIVE COLUMNS BACK.

OUR TEAM, THE SPECIAL OPERA-TIONS SQUAD, IS RIGHT HERE.

...IS JUST A TRIAL RUN FOR THE REAL DEAL, GETTING YOU TO SHIGAN-SHINA DISTRICT.

REMEM-BER, THIS SHORT JAUNT OUTSIDE ...

WE'RE GONNA GET MORE PROTECTION THAN EVEN THE SUPPLY WAGONS.

IT SHOULD BE THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE BATTLE FORMATION.

...

OUR PURPOSE THIS TIME IS TO GO OUT A BIT AND COME BACK INTACT.

UM...

PROTECT HIM!

PROTECT EREN, AT ALL COSTS!

AREN'T WE GETTING A LITTLE BIT AHEAD OF OURSELVES ...?

I HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD YET WHAT TO DO WITH MY POWER, IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY...

HUH?

DID YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COMMANDER MEANT BY WHAT HE ASKED YOU BACK THEN?

...

DID YOU GUYS UNDER-STAND IT?

UH-UH...

NOPE.

NO.

I DIDN'T GET IT AT ALL EITHER.

MAYBE THERE'S A PURPOSE TO THIS MISSION APART FROM JUST GOING OUT AND COMING BACK ALIVE.

BUT IF SO, THE COMMANDER HAS DECIDED THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE EXPLAINED TO THE RANK AND FILE.

RUSTLE

EITHER WAY, OUR DUTY IS MERELY TO HEAD OUT, AND COME BACK.

TRUST IN THE COMMAND-ER.

...YES, SIR.

ALL RIGHT, THIS IS FAR ENOUGH.

OKAY... LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE CASTLE.

CHFF

CHFF

...

TRUST ...

MM!

WILL THERE BE ANYONE I CAN RELY ON, NO MATTER WHAT...?

WILL I BE ABLE TO BUILD RELATION-SHIPS BASED ON TRUST, TOO...?

...BUT THEY REALLY DID JOIN UP...

I DIDN'T SEE WHO WAS LEFT AT THE END YESTER-DAY...

THERE THEY ARE...

!!

HEY!

TWITCH

OLUO, DO YOU MIND IF I TALK TO MY FELLOW TRAINEES A BIT?

IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN SO LONG.

EREN!

TCH... GO AHEAD.

YOU CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT CAPTAIN LEVI.

ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'LL TAKE HIM DOWN A PEG ...

...THAT SHORTY IS TOO FULL OF HIMSELF...

HAVE THEY HURT YOU AT ALL?

DID THEY GIVE YOU SOME SORT OF INVASIVE EXAMINATION? DID YOU SUFFER ANY MENTAL STRESS?

N-NO. NOTHING LIKE THAT.

! YOU GUYS JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS, TOO?

EREN!

MM?

...

THEN ONLY ANNIE, MARCO, AND JEAN WENT WITH THE MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE.

EVERYONE ELSE EITHER JOINED THE CORPS OR THE GARRISON...

MARCO'S DEAD.

!

CHFF

Mang
Fire

WHAT ...

-WAIT A SECOND ...

YOU SAID ...

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

JEAN ...?!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS LAST MOMENTS WERE LIKE... BUT HE WASN'T WEARING VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR...

APPARENTLY, NOT EVERYONE GETS TO HAVE A DRAMATIC DEATH.

... MARCO'S ...

TH-THUMP

! EREN ...

CHFF

AH ...

HE DIED, AND NOBODY WAS THERE TO SEE IT.

...DEAD?

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ABOUT?

EREN, I HEARD YOU TRIED TO KILL MIKASA WHEN YOU TURNED INTO A TITAN.

BUZZ

...

I'M NOT ASKING YOU!

EREN WAS TRYING TO SWAT A FLY...

WRONG.

...!

RUSH

!

MIKASA, THAT SCAR ON YOUR CHEEK LOOKS PRETTY DEEP.

WHEN'D YOU GET IT?

IN OTHER WORDS, UNTIL NOW, YOU HAD NO IDEA YOU EVEN POSSESSED THIS TITAN POWER AND HAVE NO MEANS OF KEEPING IT UNDER CONTROL?

"SEEMS TO BE?" SO YOU HAVE NO MEMORY OF IT?

IT SEEMS TO BE TRUE... AFTER TURNING INTO A TITAN, I TRIED TO KILL MIKASA.

THAT'S ABOUT IT.

... YEAH.

I GUESS THIS IS WHERE WE STAND.

DID YOU PEOPLE HEAR THAT?

THIS IS WHAT WE'LL DIE FOR, AND LIKE WITH MARCO, EREN WON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT.

THIS IS WHAT OUR LIVES AND THE FATE OF HUMANITY RIDE ON.

...DRIVING EREN INTO A CORNER HERE?

WHAT'S THE SENSE IN...

JEAN

...

...

!!

WE'RE NOT ALL VOLUNTEERING TO DIE FOR EREN.

NOT EVERY-BODY IS LIKE YOU...

LOOK, MIKASA

...

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...

OTHERWISE, WE MIGHT HESITATE IN A CRISIS.

...WHAT OUR LIVES ARE GOING TO BE USED FOR.

ALL OF US, EREN INCLUDED, SHOULD KNOW...

BUT WE'RE LOOKING TO EREN TO GIVE US SOMETHING IN RETURN.

...SO WE CAN DECIDE WHETHER IT'S WORTH OUR LIVES.

AND LET US CAREFULLY APPRAISE ITS VALUE...

GRAB

SERI-
OUSLY...

...
EREN
...

!

SO...

CHFF

...WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.

GLOP

GLOP

OKAY
...

GLOP

GLOP

O...

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CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

LISTEN, YOU LITTLE SHIT... AN EXPLOR-ATORY EXPEDI-TION...

WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THIS PAST MONTH?!

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

WHAT ?

OLUO! DO YOU THINK MY OLD CO-TRAINEES CAN BEAT THE TITANS?

NGH!!

HI

CHOMP

...IS ALL ABOUT **NOT** ENGAGING THE TITANS!

YOU NEW RECRUITS HAVE ONE MONTH TO LEARN THIS "LONG-DISTANCE ENEMY SCOUTING FORMATION" BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS.

THIS IS THE PLAN COM-MANDER ERWIN DEVISED.

THANKS TO THIS FORMA-TION, OUR SURVIVAL RATE HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY.

DEPLOY !!

FINISH !!

LONG-DISTANCE ENEMY SCOUTING FORMA-TION!!

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

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SECOND COLUMN, CENTER:
COMMAND

SOLDIERS ARE SPREAD OUT OVER A LONG DISTANCE WITH A SEMICIRCULAR FORMATION IN FRONT, BUT YOU'RE SPACED OUT EVENLY TO ENSURE YOU CAN SEE IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

THIRD COLUMN, THIRD:
COMMUNICATIONS

FIFTH COLUMN, CENTER:
ON STANDBY

SECOND COLUMN, THIRD:
COMMUNICATIONS

AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, SPREAD OUT ENEMY SCOUTING, COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE PERIMETER.

SECOND COLUMN, FOURTH:
COMMUNICATIONS

THIRD COLUMN, FOURTH:
COMMUNICATIONS

YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF COMMUNICA-TIONS AND KEEPING PACE WITH THE SPARE HORSES.

...IN BETWEEN THE WAGON SUPPORT TEAM AND THE SCOUTING SUPPORT TEAM.

YOU NEW RECRUITS WILL BE RIGHT HERE...

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

HUH ?

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

PRIMARILY, IT'S THE ENEMY SCOUTS IN THE FIRST COLUMN WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE TITANS.

WHUD WHUD WHUD WHUD WHUD

FOOO

SSSHH

KACHAK

WHENEVER THEY COME ACROSS A TITAN...

...THEY'LL FIRE OFF A RED FLARE.

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FOOOOOOSSSHH

FOOOOOOSSSHH

FOOOOOOSSSHH

THIS WAY, COMMANDER ERWIN, WHO LEADS FROM THE FRONT, WILL KNOW THE TITAN'S POSITION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

WHEN YOU SEE A FLARE, YOU FIRE OFF YOUR OWN TO PASS ON THE WARNING.

TO INFORM THE WHOLE FORMATION OF THE DIRECTION, EVERYONE FIRES OFF A GREEN FLARE TOWARDS THE NEW COURSE.

FOOOOOOSSSHH

THIS SIGNAL MEANS THE ENTIRE CAMP IS ALTERING ITS COURSE AND HEADING IN A NEW DIRECTION.

THEN, THE COMMANDER WILL FIRE OFF A GREEN FLARE.

SEE, MOST TITANS CAN'T MATCH THE PROLONGED RUNNING SPEED OF HORSES.

EMPLOYING THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS THE COMPANY TO HEAD FOR ITS DESTINATION WHILE AVOIDING CONTACT WITH TITANS.

HOWEVER, THEY'RE NOT EASILY OUTWITTED LIKE THIS EVERY TIME.

AND WHEN A TITAN'S ENERGY IS SPENT, ITS MOVEMENTS BECOME EXTREMELY SLUGGISH, DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL.

OR THEY MAY BE DETECTED TOO LATE DUE TO THE LAY OF THE LAND OR OBSTACLES... A TITAN HAS SOMETIMES MADE IT TO THE MIDDLE OF THE FORMATION.

AGAIN, TITANS HAVE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES. THERE ARE SOME THAT CAN EXCEED A HORSE'S RUNNING SPEED IN SHORT BURSTS.

IN THAT CASE, THE FORMATION IS IN DANGER OF BEING DIVIDED OR EVEN DESTROYED... OF COURSE, HEAVY LOSSES WOULD ENSUE.

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CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

GOTTA ...

AH!

GOTTA SHOOT OFF A RED FLARE ...

SECOND COLUMN, THIRD: COMMUNICATIONS

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

FCOOSH

LET'S LURE IT OVER THIS WAY!

OH, NO! SCOUTS MISSED ONE!

UNGH !!

YANK

RIDE THIS WAY!

SASHA, OVER HERE!

OVER HERE, ASS-HOLE!!

FWISH

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

HAH ...!

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헉

CHFFFFFF

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

!!

KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK

KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK

CRASH

YES, SQUAD LEAD-ER!

RETURN TO YOUR STATION. THIS ONE'S OUT OF JUICE.

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...ONLY APPLY TO THE "NORMALS," WHOSE BEHAVIOR IS EASY TO PREDICT.

NOW, ALL OF THESE TACTICS...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE RED SIGNAL WAS SENT, BUT THE FORMATION IS STILL IN CHAOS

STRANGE...

...

OH, NO...

WHUD

WHUD

...!

WHUD

THAT'S...

!!

FOOOOOSSHH

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FOOOOSSHH

KACHA

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THIS ONE'S-

IT'S IGNORING THE NEARBY HUMANS AND HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE CENTER OF THE FORMATION?!

A BLACK FLARE ?!

HYOOOOOO

...AN ABNORMAL!

WHUD

WHUD

WHUD

WHUD

WHUD

WE'VE GOT TO KILL IT!

DAMMIT!

HI'

+KACHA

WHEN IT COMES TO THE ABNORMALS AND THEIR UNPREDICTABLE BEHAVIOR, THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT!

ROGER!

I'LL GET IT TO STOP!!

FWISH

WHUD

WHUD

SISS! YOU GET THE NECK!!

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

STILL... I CAN'T LET IT BREAK THE FORMATION. AS SOON AS I BRING THAT THING DOWN, WE'VE GOTTA FINISH IT OFF!

PLUS I COULD BE SEPARATED FROM THE GROUP.

MY CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING IS EXTREMELY LOW, AND I'LL BE THROWN FROM MY HORSE.

VERTICAL MANEUVERING GEAR DOESN'T REALLY WORK WELL ON LEVEL GROUND.

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LOOKS LIKE ARMIN'S OVER THERE ...

I DON'T WANT THE NEWBIES TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THESE THINGS JUST YET...

HOW'S IT GONNA LOOK IF I CAN'T PULL IT OFF?!

WHUD

WHUD

IT'S WHAT I TAUGHT THE RE-CRUITS ...

WHUD

FGGG

HHOOOH

CHFFFFFF

THUK

WHEEE

HUNH !!

WHEEEEE

SHK

WHUMP

WOBBLE

SISS !!

NOW!!

FWISH

WHUMP

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CHFFFFFF

WHOOOSH

WHUD

SQUAD LEADER NESS!

YOU DID IT!

OW ...

WOBBLE ヨロ

I GOT IT... ?

THAT'S MY GIRL!

YOU CAME BACK FOR ME, HUH...?

NEIGH

FWSH

...!

HM?

WHUD

WHUD

...IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER ABNORMAL.

WHUD

WELL, IF IT IGNORED THEM AND IS JUST COMING THIS WAY...

WHAT THE HELL ARE THE RIGHT FLANK SCOUTS DOING?

ANOTHER ONE?

...

STILL...

FWISH

RIGHT, GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE... SAME OPERATION, ONE MORE TIME, SISS!

YES, SIR!

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

TWICE IN A ROW... WHAT LOUSY LUCK...

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THIS IS GONNA BE TOUGH

?!

AND THAT LOOKS TO BE A 14-METER* CLASS.

* ABOUT 46 FEET.

SBSH

SBSH

SBSH

SBSH

IT'S MOVING TOO FAST!!

WHAT IS THAT?!

FOO OOSSHH

WHUD

WHUD

WHUD

WHUD

SHIT!

NO...!! THEY'RE RIGHT IN ITS PATH!!

WHUD

AAAAAH!

CLOP

CLOP CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

IT'S HEAD-ING FOR ARMIN ...

!!

RIGHT !

SISS !!

SSSS

FWOSH

DON'T LET IT GO!

FWOOO

FWOOOO

パシッ SQUISH

WHIZZZZZZ

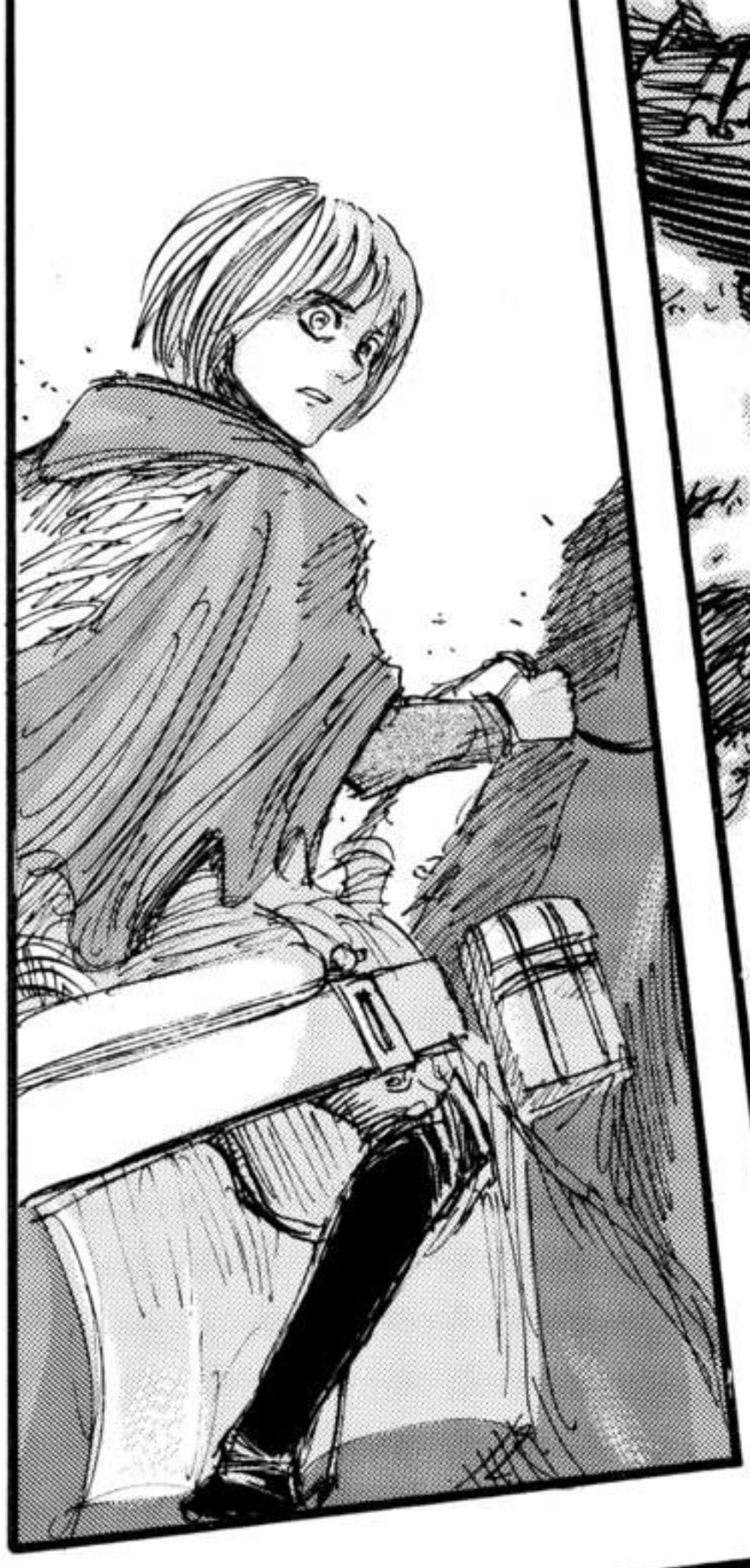
JERK

HUH?

?!

WHOOOSH

SLAM



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NO ...

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

SQUAD LEADER NESS, PLEASE TELL ME.

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

THAT'S NOT AN ABNOR-MAL!

IT'S NOT ...

WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT IS THAT?!

THAT ONE ...

...OR AN AB-NORMAL!

IT'S NOT A NORM-AL...

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

...AND EREN!

... THE AR-MORED TITAN ...

LIKE THE COLOS-SUS TITAN...

...IS INTELLI-GENT!

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

GLOP

I'M GONNA DIE, TOO!! IT'S GONNA KILL ME!!

WHAT DO I DO?!

THIS IS BAD !!

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

THEN IT MUST BE A HUMAN IN THE BODY OF A TITAN!!

B- BUT WHO ...?!

WHY?! WHY WOULD ANYONE DO THIS?!

SPSH

SPSH

FIRST COLUMN, TENTH:
SCOUTS

TELL THE OTHERS ...

SOME-BODY...

ズズズ

WHUD

S...

A FEMALE-TYPE... LED A HORDE OF TITANS HERE...

WHUD

... WIPED OUT...

RIGHT FLANK... SCOUTING SQUAD IS NEARLY...

ISN'T ANYBODY... LEFT...?

THE FORMA-TION... IS GONNA BE DE-STROY-ED...

... WE'LL BE... ANNIHI-LATED ...!

Continued in Volume 6

Their meeting that transcended race...

A LOVE THAT OVERCAME TABOO BRINGS A MIRACLE INTO THE WORLD!

* Not a real preview.

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Translation Notes

YMIR, PAGE 12 [12.5]

NO SPOILERS HERE, BUT IN NORSE MYTHOLOGY, YMIR WAS THE PRIMEVAL GIANT SLAIN BY ODIN AND HIS BROTHERS. THEY CREATED THE EARTH FROM HIS BODY AND THE SEA FROM HIS BLOOD.

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